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LUCY LEYTON.

By Mrs. C. H. Butler.

The proprietor of the great Leyton farm, which covers more than a hundred acres' of the richest tillage land in New England, is a true specimen of her stalwart sons, her indee pendent, industrious farmers—a noble race, uniting integrity, sound sense, and a high standard of moral worth, under manners the most plain and unpretending—keenly sensitive for the public weal, hospitable, kind, and thrifty, not over-generous, not over-prodigal of their means, yet far removed from that selfish avarice which would refuse a helping hand to those who would rise in the world if they had the means to start with, (and how many such there are,) or close their doors upon the weary wayfarer, vagrant though he might be. Of this class is Andrew Leyton.

A few words upon the domestic economy of Leyton farm. Mr. Leyton is a widower and my heroine, Lucy, his only child. People wondered, as people always will, why such a young looking, hale, hearty man as Andrew Leyton, did not take a second wife; but when asked about it, he always had two answers ready; first, he was too much hurried about his farm work to spend time in courting and marrying; second, old Dinah, who had lived with his father before him, though she was old, was a first rate manager, and heaven forbid he should unloose her tongue by talking about bringing a second Mrs. Leyton into the house. And so year after year old Dinah stood her ground, holding undisputed sway in kitchen and hall, doing pretty much as she pleased with her master, looking; in fact upon the strong, athletic, six foot Andrew Leyton as a mere child, 'the boy,' as she termed him, when speaking to her cronies—and as for Lucy, she would have held her in leading-strings to this day probably, if Mr. Leyton had not sent her from home to acquire more advantages of education than the village school could offer.

Lucy was a bright, darling little child, saying and doing a thousand witty things. and Mr. Leyton made up his mind that she was a perfect prodigy even at four years old—parents are pretty apt to imagine such things—so he determined, from the time she could first lisp her letters, that she should have the very best education his means would afford, and when process of time she came to know more than the school master [in farmer Leyton's, opinion,] he resolved to part with his darling for a little while, that she might have the benefit of a fashionoble boarding school. In selecting the establishment of Mrs. Tracy, situated some thirty miles from Leyton farm, he proved more fortunate than many who send forth their children to gather 'apples of wisdom,' but who return with thistles.

At the end of two years Lucy was pronounced 'finished,' and returned home. If Mr. Leyton had thought her a prodigy at four years old, what must he have considered her at seventeen. for she had contrived to store away a goodly amount of knowledge in her little head, even if she was at times a little flirty. Yes and notwithstanding she must have been so hurried at Mrs. Tracy's with her algebra, and her French, and her philosophy, and her history, she had somehow managed to commence a litule heart history of her own, but then she did not let any one read it not she. Farmer Leyton himself never knew a word about this unbargained for accomplishment.

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One day when Lucy had been at home about a week, Mr. Leyton had occasion to go down into the village with a load of his renowned potatoes for Judge Porter.

Dear father will you please see if there is not a letter in the post office for me?' cried Lucy running out to the gate.

Ha! ha! a letter for you, that's a new plea? Yes, but come and kiss me.

And poising one little foot upon the hub of the cart wheel, she gave him a hearty smack upon each sunburnt cheek, and then alighted again like a bird upon the soft green turf.

Now the farmer was no great scribe. Unless to announce a marriage or a death it was a rare thing for him either to indite or receive a letter. The post office revenue of Uncle Sam was but little benefitted by Andrew Leyton. He was somewhat pleased therefore that his Lu should expect a letter—so after unloading, he brought his team to a stand still in front of the tavern, which besides offering entertainment for man and beast, served also for the post office. Sure enough there was a letter—a very thick one too—for 'Miss Lucy Leyton,' directed in an elegant flowing hand—a gentleman's hand.

Hum! What does this mean!' thought he, turning the letter over and over. and looking at the seal—'L'AMOUR, FIDELITE.'

Lucy was watching for his return, and as soon as she saw the well known team rise the hill she flew swiftly along the road to meet it. Her father held up the letter. Ah, what a bright happy face was here, as she caught it from his hand, and seating herself under a shady tree by the road side. she eagerly tore off the envelope, and pressed the insensible chirography to her lips.

Hum, what does this mean? again thought the farmer, eying Lucy keenly. Gee haw, Darby, gee up Dick,' he cried, sweeping his cart whip above the sleek hides of his oxen, yet all the time noting uneasily the bright blush, the happy smile of Lucy, all absorbed as she was in the contents of her letter.

In less than a week there came another.

Hum' said Mr. Leyton putting it in his pocket, I must see what this means.'

He went home feddered the cattle, and then walked into the house.

Come here Lu and sit down by me.'

Lucy laid aside her work and drawing a low foot stool to the side of her father folded her dimpled hands upon his knees, and looked up smiling into his face.

Well Lu you had a nice time. did'nt you at Mrs. Tracy's?' said Mr. Leyton smoothing back the long golden curls from her white upturned brow.

Indeed I did my dear father. I am sure, although I was so anxious to see you, I was sorry to come away.'

'Hum? Mrs. Tracy used to keep you pretty strict I suppose, never let you go out did she?'

Oh yes, we walked every day, an hour in the morning, an hour after school at night; it was very pleasant, sometimes Mrs. Tracy would go with us, and some times—O, it was so pleasant,' and Lucy heaved a deep sigh as she concluded.

'I take it for granted you never saw any boys there did you?'

Lucy blushed and wondered what in the world possessed her father to talk so, at last she answered very demurely.

Why father it was a school for girls, you know—it would have been very strange I am sure to have seen a set of rude boys in our pleasant school room—'

That is not what I mean, you little puss you, did any young men ever visit at Mrs Tracy's?

Mercy no, Mrs Tracy would not even let Edward invite.

Edward, who is Edward?

'Mrs Tracys' nephew. father, replied Lucy stooping to tie her little slipper, which just at that particular moment it seemed necessary for her to attend to.

Hum, and I suppose Edward walked with you did'nt he?' said Mr. Leyton.

Yes father, when Mrs Tracy could not go.'

I thought so. Who is he? What is he! What is his name, this Edward?

Poor Lucy how she tried not to blush, and yet what a glow instantly suffused the tall tale countenance she averted from the scrutinizing glance of her father.

'His name is Bartine, Edward Bartine, he is a very fine young man father, every body loves him.'

'Hum!'

'All the girls loved him just like a brother.'

'And you loved him just like a brother, I suppose.'

'Sir.'

'Hum, well go on. what was this very fine young man doing at a young ladies' boarding school!'

He only came up from New Haven to pass a few months with Mrs Tracy, and to pursue his studies with Dr Heber, he is going back to college very soon, I suppose.'

Going back to college. Ah I understand, some wild scapegoat I'll be bound, suspended for misdemeanor. never be worth a straw, never will be good for anything, not he, wasting the money which his father has toiled hard to earn I'll warrant you.'

'No indeed father, Eward Bartine is no such person, indeed he is not, eagerly interposed Lucy:

How do you know. I tell you he is. See here Lu, who is this from,' and putting his hand in his ample coat pocket, he drew forth the letter, and holding it up however at arm's length.

O dear father please give it to me, please do, that's a dear father, cried Lucy springing up, her face radiant with joy, and extending her hand for the precious missive.

'Not so fast little Miss Lucy Leyton, sit down again, there is your letter, now open and read it to me, said Mr. Leyton, passing his arm around her waist to prevent her flight.

'O father please let me go, indeed I can not read it to you,' urged Lucy the tears trembling like dew drops on her long fringed eyelids.

Well then I'll read it myself, it must be very fine, I should like to read a letter from such a nice young man,' said Mr. Leyton attempting to take it.

'Father please don't, it is only about—about.'

Never mind, I will see what it is about. Lucy you must either give me the letter or read me the contents. I must know them?' and this time Mr. Leyton spoke sternly.

The poor girl dared not disobey. With a trembling hand she broke the seal, and in a voice scarcely audible read,

'My dearest, sweet Lucy.'

'Hum, puppy, go on.'

My dearest sweet Lucy—To morrow, to morrow I leave for—for—' Lucy could proceed no further, but covered with blushes hid her face in her father's bosom.

Well Lu dont cry, I dont want to hear any more of such sidy stuff: There give me the letter, it will serve nicely to light my pipe, said Leyton twisting it in his fingers.

Father wont you let me have the letter, pleaded Lucy:

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[Continued from our last.]

NEW MEMBERS OF THE 31ST U. S. CONGRESS.

House of Representatives.

Hon. M. J. WELLBORN.

Mr. W. is a new member of the Thirty-first Congress, and comes from the 2d District of Geo. in the room of Hon. A. Iverson. Mr. W. is in the prime of life. with a light spare figure of the common height, and fine symmetry of form, with an easy genteel carriage. His face is oval, rather dark, and thin keen features of regular proportion. His capacious forehead and large eye monopolizes the best part of his face, which taken together indicates genius. His forehead bespeaks capacity and a potent mind; while his dark glittering hazel eye imparts a thrilling sensation, that holds one spell-bound. His brow—rather severe, shows an unyielding independence void of turmoil or the shodow of change. His countenance is staid, and denotes erudition and a philosophical turn of mind. His manners are distant but genteel, and if we are not mistaken this gentleman bids fair to take his stand in the ranks of our patriots and Statesmen, at no distant day.

Hon. RICHARD H. STANTON.

Mr. R. H. S. is a new member of the 31st Congress from Kentucky, and comes in the room of Hon. John P. Gaines. We were at too great a distance however, from Mr. Stanton to speak diffinitely of his appearance, he being at one side of the Hall and we at the other. Pointing to a bold manly looking personage, we asked 'what gentleman is that?' 'That gentleman,' said our friend, 'is Mr. Stanton, a member from Kentucky.' We tried to get a nearer view but Mr. S. stepped out before we could reach him. He seemed young looking, of good size, black hair, full oval face, of a bright roseate shade, and brilliant eye, and so far as we were able to ascertain, a countenance and features of uncommon attraction.

Mr. S. has a brother in Congress from Tennessee—both voted for the peace settlement, viz. for the Texas California &c. &c. bills—this is saying enough for them.

We had called at the Capitol to pay our respects to those new members to whose kind patronage we are under deep obligations, but unfortunately only met with the two mentioned above.

We are much grieved that from the heat of the weather—delicate health, and the difficulty of finding them—we have seen but few of the members this long session. Our best opportunity has always been the Post Office, and the Hall, but from some cause (our own fault probably] our presence in the former, was subjected to insult, and the mornings in the Hall are alike unpleasant, the ruffianly conduct of armies of idle boys who congregate in the Hall before members arrive, and insult strangers that call in, by calling names, grinning and making mouths &c.—we have even had handkerchiefs and pencils stolen from us there.

On last Monday we called Mr. Horner, the Doorkeeper, in to protect us, but they made mouths at him, although the Hall was filling fast with members. At length a member of Congress called Mr Brainard to him, and requested him to go with 'Mrs R. through the Hall and see her friends,' when lo! we had proceeded but a short distance, he before, and we following Indian file, when the crowd stopped him, but we pushed him, might and main till we got him through—meantime those in front of Mr *B.* cried out 'what do you shuve me for,' 'Paint me .its Mrs R. shoving me.' We suspect it was the boys.

But we had pleasant times in saluting our old acquaintances,and highly esteemed friends, Messrs Joseph Grinnell of Mass. and C. H, Williams of Tennessee, whom we had not seen in years—and [we beg pardon for not giving them the precedence,] Senators Atchison of Mo, Davis of Mi, and the amiable Downs and Sturgeon, with many others,

But what is this we see? can it be possible! Mr *Burt*—Hon. Armistead Burt of South Carolina voted with the minority on the California Bill—one of the best men in the world, What does it mean? It is said those who voted against the bills passed by the Senate, go for a dissolution of the Union; But 'why dissolve the Union?' 'because the Soilers, *Abolitionists* of the free States steal our slaves, and persuade them to runaway,' 'Very well, would a dissolution prevent that? not at all;' these fellows abound in every State and Territory on the Western hemisphere, actually as pirates, thieves, and secret spies, as we shall show. Will the man who steals to day not steal to morrow? Will the man who steals in one State [country or Kingdom] not steal in another?

But what motive can they now have since the passage of the late acts of Congress gives them all they asked for, and more than they could possibly have upon their own plan, (if we understand the act or acts recently passed] it gives them protection life and liberty, and secures their property, [the fugitive slaves.]

But supposing they could secede peaceably, which we do not believe they can, could they form a better government than the one they now live under? We love the South, we love its soil and her warm hearted highminded citizens—go all lengths to expose their wrongs, and the wicked design of their enemies; but we would, and have done the same for the North, for strictly speaking, their enemies are the enemies of mankind.

There is something more in this matter than meets the eye. They have had too much 'Religious Instruction" from their Yankee teachers.

From the Pittsburgh Chronicle.

WELCOME HOME.

By reference to our telegraphic column the reader will observe that the lower House of Congress, on Saturday last, admitted California into the Union, as a State, by the overwhelming vote of nearly three to one. The bill passed precisely as it came from the Senate, endeavors were made to amend it, but they were resisted by the majority.

California, is therefore, a State of this grand confederacy, such a State as her people wish her, having her own chosen boundaries and *Constitution*.

She was admitted in the character in which she presented herself nine months ago, none of her proportions have been curtailed, and her own free Constitution has been acknowledged as the best she could adopt. The California excitement is, therefore over, no more threatening will be heard of dissolution upon her account, her representatives will soon take their seats in the National Councils, to legislate for the good of the whole country, and raise their voices against sectional demagogues, who have been endeavoring to spread discord among our patriotic people. California, the youngest, will teach her elder sisters, lessons of devotion to the great central power, that incorporates and makes them one. South Carolina. old in wickedness and sin against her neighbors, and young Texas like a spoiled child will both learn goodness and virtue by watching and emulating the handsome career of our Pacific relative.

California after all her anxiety and trouble, is at last at home, firmly seated among those who were so anxious to receive her. Her enemies became tiredopposing, and submitted to her entrance with the best grace they could demand. She will act towards her enemies with becoming magnanimity, and forgive what is past for the sake of the future.

All distracting questions that threatened seriously, are being disposed of with neatness and alacrity, and ere the present session of Congress adjourn we may look for a happy consummation of all matters that threaten sectional hostility.

It will be also observed in our Telegraphic column that the territory of *Utah*, the Mormon settlement, received a Territorial government, by a vote of 97 to 85. The passage of these two important bills on Saturday last, makes up for all disunion threatenings we have heard for a month. The Government for Utah contains no prohibition of slavery, but the probability is, that slavery will never attempt to fasten upon soil now free. The discussions of the past few years in relation to free and slave labor, have directed the attention of the territories to these subjects, their action so far has just been as effectual in preventing slavery from coming amongst them, as national legislation upon the subject could have been. The people of Utah, like those of *California* and *New Mexico* despise slavery, and will not permit it to settle among them.'

NEW MEMBERS OF THE THIRTY FIRST U. S. CONGRESS.

House of Representatives.

Hon. GEORGE R. ANDREWS.

Mr A. is a new member of the Thirty first Congress from from the State of New York, and comes in the room of Hon Orlando Kellogg. He is a young man in the prime of life, and has a very interesting appearance, He is of common height, of the medium size, plain and pleasing in demeanour. His face is of the grecian model, wide at the forehead and narrowing to the chin. His complexion is rather fair, and his eye is one of the finest in nature; it is uncommonly large and steady, of a dark blue, mild as zephyrs, and breaths the very spirit of innocence and benignity. His ample forehead smooth as polished ivory—his deepened brow, and in short his whole visage denote a man of intellect, peace and benevolence, while his engaging manners are extremely winning. He voted for all the peace bills.

Hon. JOHN C. MASON.

Mr M. is a new member of the Thirty first Congress, from Kentucky, in the room of Hon Richard French. Mr M. is in the meridian of life, with a tall commanding figure of proportionable size, being over six feet in height, with a form of unrivalled symmetry, square shoulders, full chest and stout sinewy limbs; taken with his air and features gives him an appearance of manly elegance that has no rivals His face is partially round, rather thin, uncommonly fair, with features of the most exact proportion. His deep firm forehead would seem to combine every mental endowment, either for the benefit or happiness of man. His mild genial brow of spotless innocence, where peace and tranquility rests, bespeaks an evenness of temper at once the pearl and sum of life. But his eye is the point of attraction—no words can delineate, the softened azure, the serenity, and proud composure which covets nothing, while it lends the charm of benevolence to his countenance. His manners are bland and sincere!

We may not have done Mr. Mason justice as he was rather indisposed, when we had the pleasure to see him.

Hon. James L. Johnson.

Mr. J. is a new member of the Thirty first Congress, likewise from Kentucky, and comes in the place of Hon. Beverly L. Clark. Col. J. is quite a young man, in the bloom of life, larger still than his colleague, and another paragon of manly beauty. He is over six feet in stature, and stout in proportion, with an erect figure and finely polished limbs, active and thorough going as a steamboat. His hair is black,his face is round,full and fair, with roseate features from the Adonis model. His majestic forehead and ingenuous brow of winning dignity, denotes a lofty mind, with every embellishment that adorns man.

His dark sparkling eye brilliant as gems—full of vigour and energy, sheds a radiance over his free open countenance that baffles discription: His manners are frank and courteous—such are our Western people, generous and kind to each other, as christians ought to be:

Hon. William Hebard.

Mr. H. is a new member of the thirty-first Congress from Vermont, and comes in the room of Hon. Jacob Collamer. He is ano her gigantic member, over six feet in stature. with a figure of athletic size and powerful limbs. His gait and attitudes are easy and graceful, while his mien and features gives him a manly appearance. His face is partially round, full rather fair, with features of fine symmetry, deffused with a rich carnation glow. Wearing his hat, we had but a partial view of his forehead. the mental index of the human face, yet we saw enough to show intellect and intelligence. His hair is black, rich and clustering. His elevated brow—open, smooth and unclouded, denotes peace of mind, and goodness of heart. His soft dark rolling eye—large, clear and buoyant, through which you may discern a noble soul—beepeaks benevolence and vivacity. His manners are frank and engaging.

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